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Sustainable Public Transport
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new scheme/policy initiatives to encourage green, climate friendly and sustainable public transport system in urban areas and if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed by the Government for selection of urban cities for implementation of the said scheme;

(b) the Central assistance likely to be required and funding pattern envisaged for implementation of the said scheme;

(c) whether the Government also proposes a new Metro Policy to meet the growing demand and if so, the details thereof and the time by which the policy is likely to be announced;

(d) the further steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote green urban transport system in urban cities in the country; and

(e) whether the Government is also assisting and allocating funds for providing electric buses in some of the cities and if so, the details of the cities in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Urban Development is taking several steps to promote green urban transport system in the cities. These includes:

(i) About 326 Km of metro rail is under operation and more than 500 Km is under construction. This includes metro rail/mono rail systems promoted by State Governments and Private Bodies under their own arrangements;

(ii) Financial assistance for more than 500 Km Bus Rapid Transport System (BRT) has been/ is being provided and it is operational/ under construction in cities like Ahmedabad, Surat, Indore, Bhopal, Vijayawada, Vishakhapatnam, Pune, Pimpri-Chinchwad, Kolkata, Jaipur, Amritsar, Hubli-Dharwad and Naya Raipur.

(iii) Financial assistance has been/ is being provided for procurement of 22,994 modern ITS enabled buses for 157 cities. As on date, more than 18,224 modern ITS enabled buses have been procured by States/Cities;

(iv) Funding of Buses, BRTS, ferry vessels for inland waterways along with footpaths/ walkways, foot over bridges, multi-level parking and facilities for NMT have been included under Atal Mission of Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT).

(v) Financial assistance has been given/ is being given for preparation of Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP) in 75 cities;

(vi) Annual Conference-cum-Exhibition called 'Urban Mobility India' on urban transport is being organized since 2008 for knowledge sharing amongst experts and stakeholders and recognizing the exemplary achievements in the field of urban transport through awards;

(vii) Sustainable Urban Transport Project (SUTP) supported by the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Global Environment Facility (GEF) is under implementation with the objective of promoting environmentally sustainable urban transport in India and improving the usage of environment-friendly transport modes in five demonstration cities.

(viii) A project named "Efficient and Sustainable City Bus Service (ESCBS)" supported by the World Bank is under implementation in 4 Cities with the objectives of (i) strengthening capacity of urban bus service operating and maintaining agencies through capacity building and training programmes; and (ii) assisting cities in preparing and implementing demonstration "City Bus Modernisation Projects" and undertaking technical assistance for institutional strengthening.

Department of Heavy Industries (DHI), Government of India, under the scheme of FAME − India (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India), has approved funding for 25 electric buses and 80 battery operated maxi-cabs to State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh and 2 no. of electric vehicles having 7-9 seat facility to the Land Ports authority, Ministry of Home Affairs at

Agartala (Tripura). DHI is providing financial support through viability gap funding or by other way of funding under the scheme on a case-to-case basis.

New policy initiatives in the Urban Transport sector, including Metro, is an ongoing process.

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